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In re Application of	:	
J. David Sandoval	:	SUA SPONTE DECISION
Application No. 10/658,740	:	TO WITHDRAW THE HOLDING
Filed: September 10, 2003	:	OF ABANDONMENT
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A sua sponte review of the above-noted application file has been conducted. As a result, it has been determined that certain errors on the part of the Office have occurred. In particular, it has been determined that the holding of abandonment on May 26, 2010 was premature. The purpose of this communication is to correct this error and clarify the record.

A review of the file history indicates that the examiner held the application abandoned for applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the final Office action mailed on November 17 2009. However, the Office did receive a response from the applicant on May 21, 2010 with a certificate of mailing dated May 17, 2010. The applicant's response included the appropriate three month extension of time and fee. Therefore, applicant's response did constitute a "proper reply" and the holding of abandonment on May 26, 2010 was incorrect and premature.

Accordingly, the holding of abandonment is hereby **VACATED**.

Any questions regarding this decision should be directed to Supervisory Patent Examiner F. Ryan Zeender at (571) 272-6790.


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